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In the Application of:

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**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

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Dear Sir:

This paper responds to the non-final Office Action mailed October 28, 2008 ("Office Action") in the above-identified application, with a **period of reply through March 2, 2009 pursuant to the attached request for one-month extension**. The Applicant respectfully requests entry of the following amendments and consideration of the following remarks.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 13 of this paper.